

## Message Text

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R 191910Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4110  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 3916

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PBOR, NU, PN  
SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 191921

1. CHARGE AND POLOFF CALLED ON FORNMIN MONTIEL ON AUGUST 19 (FIRST DATE AVAILABLE) TO DISCUSS CANAL AGREEMENT AND REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORTIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT. MONTIEL SAID HE HAD STUDIED PRESS ACCOUNTS, WOULD STUDY DEPT'S FACT SHEET, AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN STUDYING TREATY TEXT WHEN AVAILABLE. HE STATED HIS TWO RESIDUAL CONCERNS ARE WITH ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING SETTING OF TOLLS AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS. CHARGE STATED HE DED NOT KNOW WHEN TREATY TEXT WOULD BE AVAILABLE. MONTIEL AGREED TO STUDY INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE WITH A VIEW TO ISSUING SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT HERE AND IN WASHINGTON AS REQUESTED.

2. CHARGE SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN FORN MINS IN  
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GUATEMALA ON AUG 26. MONTIEL SAID MEETING WAS CALLED TO CONSIDER ONLY BELIZE ISSUE, BUT HE WOULD TALK ABOUT CANAL AGREEMENT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. HE OPINED THAT GUATEMALA WOULD AVOID BEING SUPPORTIVE OF PANAMA AS A RESULT OF PANAMA'S POSITION ON BELIZE ISSUE.  
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